

operating system stored on an emergency operating system partition area of said data storage device;

overwriting a content of said primary operating system partition with said back-up operating system stored in said operating system back-up area partition; and

restoring client and application configuration settings from said user settings archive partition area.

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15. (amended) The back-up method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising the step of:

copying user data from a secondary data partition of said data storage device onto said back-up media.

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Claims 5, 6 and 15 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies thereof.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested and in order.